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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT - ANKARA

THERE FOLLOWS A DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR ANKARA VISIT:

BEGIN TEXT: MY PARTY AND I ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY COURTESIES AND HOSPITALITY WHICH THE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, AND THE TURKISH PEOPLE, HAVE BESTOWED ON US DURING OUR VISIT TO ANKARA. WHILE THE STRENGTH OF TURKISH-US BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL TIES IS SO EVIDENT THAT IT REQUIRES NO REAFFIRMATION, VISITS BETWEEN LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRIES DO PROVIDE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXAMINING MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

I DISCUSSED WITH THE TURKISH LEADERSHIP MY RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD DETENTE, AS WELL AS THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF NATO
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SOLIDARITY IN SUSTAINING ALL OUR EFFORTS TOWARD EAST-WEST

ACCOMMODATION. I ALSO MENTIONED OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I HAVE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH TURKEY'S LEADERS THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW ALL PARTIES IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED WITH CYPRUS MIGHT ENTER INTO PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE. THE TENOR OF OUR CONVERSATION WAS CONSTRUCTIVE. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING SPECIFIC STEPS IT IS WILLING TO UNDERTAKE TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS.

I BELIEVE THAT ACTIVE, FLEXIBLE STATESMANSHIP AND AN ACCOMMODATING SPIRIT CAN, IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, BEGIN TO DEVELOP A JUST AND ENDURING SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT AT ANY TIME HAD ANY SPECIFIC SOLUTION TO URGE ON THE PARTIES, WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS OF ALL PARTIES FOR PEACE WILL SOON PRODUCE ENCOURAGING RESULTS.
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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